

RESOLUTION NO. 33-09

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(By Request – Community Services & Economic Development Director)

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO MODIFY THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES SO THAT HUD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEMOLITION OF ITS OWN VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND THEN TO TRANSFER THE PARCEL TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHOUT ENCUMBERING THE INDIVIDUAL CITY'S HUD NSP ALLOCATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, abandoned and condemned properties have a negative impact on the community in which they are located; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma has limited resources to renovate and/or demolish condemned and abandoned property, and the City wishes to use these funds in the most productive ways possible; and,

WHEREAS, many of the condemned and abandoned properties are HUD homes, and the City of Parma may be forced to expend its limited Neighborhood Stabilization funds on the renovation and demolition of these homes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma urges HUD to consider using its own funds to demolish distressed and abandoned HUD homes so that Parma would have the ability to use their Neighborhood Stabilization funds to demolish or renovate other homes; and,

WHEREAS, if HUD was to use its own funds to demolish and renovate HUD homes, the City of Parma would be free to use its Neighborhood Stabilization funds to improve other properties within the City in a way that is beneficial to its residents and further stabilize its neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby encourages HUD to modify the Neighborhood Stabilization Program guidelines so that HUD is responsible for demolition of its own vacant and abandoned properties and then to transfer the parcel to municipalities without encumbering the individual City's HUD NSP allocation.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to President Barack Obama; Senator Sherrod Brown; Congressman Dennis Kucinich; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan; Acting HUD Regional Director, Region V, Ralph Metcalfe; and Field Officer Director, Region V, Douglas W. Shelby.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Res. encouraging HUD to modify the Neighborhood Stabilization Program guidelines so that HUD is responsible for demolition of its own vacant and abandoned properties and then to transfer the parcel to municipalities without encumbering the individual City's HUD NSP allocation, and declaring an emergency

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order for The Department of Housing & Urban Development and the Federal Government to review this matter in the near future, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO